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	Examiner Stuart Hansen	Art Unit 2838	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 May 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed May 7th, 2007 regarding Application 10/517,455. This Office Action is final, and only introduces new prior art that is necessitated by Applicant's newly added claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 13 – 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Isono (US 6,297,976 B1, filed 4/21/2000, dated 10/2/2001).

Regarding claim 13, Isono teaches that it is conventional in the art for: A circuit (Fig 1) comprising: an input terminal (Fig 1 [11]) configured to receive an input voltage; a first converter (Fig 1 [20]) configured to convert the input voltage to a first output voltage (Fig 1 [OUTPUT]); a second converter (Fig 1 [19]) configured to convert the input voltage to a second output voltage (Fig 1 [V_{CC}]); a first output terminal (Fig 1 [POWER SOURCE FOR TV]) for providing the first output voltage; and a second output terminal (Fig 1 [PANEL POWER SOURCE]) for providing the second output voltage, wherein the first output voltage is for operating a first device (Fig 1 [POWER SOURCE FOR TV]; the TV being the first device) and the second output voltage is for operating a

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second device (Fig 1 [PANEL POWER SOURCE]; the control panel associated with operating a TV).

With respect to claim 14, Isono teaches: the first device includes a lamp (Fig 1 [POWER SOURCE FOR TV]; it was well known to those of ordinary skilled in the art at the time the invention was made that a TV requires a lamp to emit light) and the second device includes a control device (Fig 1 [V_{CC}; PANEL POWER SOURCE]; it was well known to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that a main control panel is required for all the components necessary for proper operation of a TV).

In regards to claim 15, Isono teaches: the control device is configured to control the lamp (It was well known to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that a main TV circuit panel controls the TV including the lamp emitting the required amount of light for proper TV operation.).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 1, the allowability resides in the overall structure of the device as recited in amended, independent claim 1 and at least in part because the second DC voltage as a second output of the circuit is to a controller of the first converter for controlling the first converter.

The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of claim 1 are believed to render said claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom, 2 thru 12, patentable over the art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stuart Hansen whose telephone number is (571) 270-1611. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30 Mon - Thurs, every 2nd Fri 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Karl Easthom can be reached on (571) 272-1989. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Stuart Hansen
June 14, 2007

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